

Article 8 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1989 Edition and June 1997 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 38 - Fines and Forfeitures

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(a) One half of the fines imposed and recognizances forfeited to the circuit court for the several counties of the State shall be paid to the clerks of the respective courts, to be expended under the direction of the judge or judges of said courts, for the augmentation of the libraries of said courts. This section does not apply to Anne Arundel, Somerset, and Howard Counties. The clerk shall retain a 5 percent commission on the fines and forfeitures collected. In Baltimore County, this section shall not apply to fines imposed in gambling cases.

(c) (1) In Cecil County, if in any year the payment to the court library of one half the fines imposed and recognizances forfeited plus attorney appearance fees as provided in § 7-204 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article is less than \$10,000 the County Commissioners shall pay to the clerk of the court, for the use of the library, whatever amount may be necessary to bring to \$10,000 in the aggregate, the total amount to be paid to the library during that year under the provisions of this section, and in addition to the amount to be paid as aforesaid, the County Commissioners may, in their discretion, pay such sums over and above the \$10,000 hereinabove provided for, as they consider reasonable for the proper maintenance of the library.

(2) IN ANY YEAR IN WHICH THE FUNDS HELD FOR THE USE OF THE COURT LIBRARY EXCEED THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LIBRARY, THE CECIL COUNTY BAR AND LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, INC. MAY REQUEST THAT ~~TRANSFER~~ ANY EXCESS FUNDS ~~BE TRANSFERRED~~ TO THE CECIL COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION, INC. ~~AND TO BE~~ USED FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS OF THE FOUNDATION.

(3) All sums paid under the provisions of this section shall be expended under the direction of the judges of the Circuit Court for Cecil County IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LAW LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE CECIL COUNTY BAR AND LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7-204.

(a) (1) Except in Montgomery County and except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection for Baltimore County, in paragraph (3) of this subsection for St. Mary's County, and in paragraph (4) of this subsection for Baltimore City, the clerk of each circuit court shall:

(i) Collect, in advance, a \$10 fee for docketing the appearance of counsel when bringing or defending a civil action in the court;